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## RE: 2014 Water License Inspection at the Polaris Mine Site

Mr Donald.

My name is Andrew Keim, and I am the Water Resource Officer for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada in the Qikiqtani Region, Nunavut. I am currently engaged in the planning and development of the 2014 regulatory inspection schedule.

Currently, it is AANDC's intention to attend and inspect the Polaris Mine site on Little Cornwallis Island on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014. During that visit I will have with me Mr. Ian Parsons, also of AANDC to provide assistance and input during the Inspection.

In reviewing your file I note that your license has expired and that you have not submitted sampling results as required by your existing authorization (although expired). And that an annual report for this project has not been submitted since 2010. I wonder if you would be so kind as to provide some information as to why your authorizations are now expired.

To better prepare for the upcoming inspection I would ask that you provide an update on current activities at the site as well as answer the following questions.

- o Updated company contact information; updated info for yourself/ other head office contact and current project or site managers ( if any).
- o Names and positions of staff on site(s) at this time or planned for the 2014 field sampling season.
- o What is the best mode of access to your site? (i.e.: fixed wing aircraft, float plane or helicopter access)
- Please confirm the exact coordinates (degrees/min/sec, NAD 83) for your camp location, air strip/landing location and locations of main activities based out of each camp (i.e.: sampling sites and sites where subsidence issues were previously identified.)
- Please confirm the type of work scheduled for the 2014 field season and if no work is currently scheduled, a copy of your monitoring plan for any fuel or facilities on site.
- O Any other information you feel is pertinent for a site visit (i.e.: camp location has changed from previous seasons, camp facilities available if overnight stay is required, site hazards or restrictions, site safety protocols, etc.).

o Are there any outstanding documents or documents recently submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (i.e.: within the last 60 days)?

This information will allow us the opportunity to review the terms and conditions of your current licenses and permits with yourself or your staff and note any issues that can be addressed cooperatively and brought forward to the Nunavut Water Board or back into AANDC.

To facilitate the inspection and once we have arrived on site, I would ask that your site foreman / project manager and any required resources be made available for the duration of the inspection process.

I very much look forward to your prompt and positive response and hope we will have the opportunity to work cooperatively together this coming year.

Sincerely,

(Sent by E-mail)

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